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1. Location: The airfield is located east of Vrchlabi, north of the Vrchlabi-Trutnov road.
2. Boundaries:
 Southern: the Vrchlabi-Trutnov road;
 Western: a hillside sloping gradually down to the brook and a former limekiln, located on the southern side of the road about 50 m. from the edge of the airfield; the kiln chimney is 30 m. high;
 Eastern: a steep hillside sloping down to Prostredni Lanov;
 Northern: a steep slope rising to elevation point 544.
3. Description of the airfield: The airfield is about 800 to 900 m. long and 300 m. wide; it is narrow towards the west. A grassy runway runs from east to west. Boundaries are marked all around the airfield. The airfield is about 490 m. above sea level; during the rain periods, the ground is soaked and un-serviceable. Southwesterly winds are predominant.
4. Hangars: There are two hangars north of the road in about the middle of the southern side of the airfield. One is brick, 40 x 15 m., the other is wooden, 12 x 25 m.
5. Aircraft:
 6 to 8 Piper, Sokol M-1, C-104, Z-381;
 1 Bonzo prototype, a four-seater low-winged aircraft fitted with a 160-HP Walter engine;
 about 20 gliders of various types.

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6. Use of the airfield: The airfield is used exclusively by the aviation section of Svazarm for sport flying. It is administered by the Central Gliding School of Svazarm. The airfield is unsuitable for heavier types of aircraft; the Aero 45 was the heaviest type of plane using the airfield.

7. Personnel:

Captain Vaclav Uhlir, a member of the Advisory Council of the aviation section of Svazarm, commander of the airfield and of the school;

Ladislav Haza,¹ a flying instructor and a member of the Advisory Council of the aviation section;

Jaroslav Kumpost, a flying and gliding instructor [REDACTED]

Vera Slechtova, a flying and gliding instructor [REDACTED]

Frantisek Tuma, a flying and gliding instructor [REDACTED]

All the above instructors are paid employees. Besides them, there are also unpaid instructors, members of the local aeroclub in Vrchlabi.

8. Miscellaneous:

- a. On the southern side of the road, about 100 m. west of the hangars, is a single-story building, 20 x 15 m., formerly a factory, now housing the administrative offices and the gliding school.
- b. A radio station which provides contact with the Air Security Service at Ruzyne is also in the administrative building. It is to be transferred to the control tower erected in July 1963 on the top of the brick hangar.
- c. The airfield is guarded at night by two civilian employees of Svazarm, armed with pistols.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Previously reported as Dr. of Natural Sciences Ladislav Haza, lecturer on meteorology at the Central School in Vochlabi. [REDACTED]

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